Request For Continued Examination (RCE)

Transmittal

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)

Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1 114

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, File Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule 65 Fed. Reg. 14864 (mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (April 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

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	a.		Previously submitted			
		i.	☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C	C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed	on	
			(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be enter	red.)		
		ii.	Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief of	r Reply Brief previously filed	on	
		iii.	OtherEnclosed			
	b.	\boxtimes				
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		ii.	☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)			
		iii.		Form PTO-1449 and stated re	eferences.	
		iv.	☐ Other			
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a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R.				C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a		
period of _ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17				§ 1.17(I) required)		
	b.					
	Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.					
	a.	\boxtimes	The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, and any additional required fees, or credit			
any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-2535.						
	i. RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)					
	ii. Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 AND 1.17)					
		iii.	Other			
			SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTO	RNEY, OR AGENT REQUIR	ED	
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